

DDS EMPLOYEE NEWS

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West Region Recognition

On what turned out to be a crisp sparkling autumn day, a group of over 100 staff, gathered at the elegant Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, Connecticut to honor staff who had achieved particular milestones in their commitment as civil service employees.

Staff members with 20, 25, 30, 35 and 45 years with the department were honored for their valued years of service. Commissioner Peter H. O'Meara and Deputy Commissioner Kathryn du Pree joined former West Regional Director



35 Years of Service



30 Years of Service

Dimitri E. Triantafillakis to present the honored guests with tokens of appreciation as well as certificates signed by the Governor and Commissioner.

The list of honored guests included an employee with 45 years of service, 7 employees with 35 years of service, 26 employees with 30 years of service, 54 employees with 25 years of service and 162 employees with 20 years of service. This totals 5,660 years of collective experience.

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Marie Bennett, Assistant Regional Director of Individual & Family Support, presented the 4th Employee of the Year Award to Jill Young, Early Connections Supervisor. Ms. Young received this distinguished award for her exemplary work ethic and dedication to consumers. She was nominated by several colleagues in the West Region and should be congratulated for receiving this honor.



20 Years of Service



(left to right) Commissioner O'Meara, Deputy Commissioner Kathryn du Pree, Employee of the Year: Jill Young, Early Connections Supervisor, Marie Bennett, ARD – Individual & Family Support, former Regional Director Dimitri E. Triantafillakis



25 Years of Service

The West Region Staff Recognition Committee wishes to congratulate all of the staff who have reached these milestones and were honored at the day's ceremonies!

Governor's Care & Share 2007

The *Governor's Care & Share Food Drive* began on November 9, 2007. In the past, Department of Development Services (DDS) employees have generously donated thousands of pounds of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items as well as monetary donations.

This year, the DDS Governor's Care & Share Food Drive committee is taking a different approach to the campaign and focusing on monetary donations. For every \$1 collected in cash, Foodshare, Inc. and the Connecticut Food Bank can purchase \$10 worth of non-perishable foods and personal hygiene items. This is 10 times the buying power that we have as individuals, and 10 times the number of families will benefit from your generosity.

As in the past, DDS employees have always been generous and your participation in this year's drive will be very much appreciated. For additional information please contact your area coordinators;

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